



Green fever has swept the Golden State. Here at the Lieutenant Governor's office, we get a constant stream of phone calls and letters from constituents interested in greening their home and community – reducing long term energy costs while improving the planet – but uncertain what services and resources are available to them. Below is a sample of programs available to California consumers: tax rebates, affordable financing, incentives, help lines, and other useful resources.

[California Communities: League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties](#)

California Communities, co-sponsored by the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties, provides California cities, counties and other public agencies with low tax-exempt financing for projects that provide a tangible public benefit, contribute to social and economic growth, and improve the overall quality of life in local communities throughout California.

California Communities offers programs for airports, water/wastewater projects, leases, and the Go-Solar Program.

California Communities
2033 North Main St., Suite 700
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

800-635-3993
info@cacommunities.org

[Emerging Renewables Buy-Down Program: California Energy Commission](#)

This program is designed to help homeowners and other electricity users install “emerging renewal technologies.”

California Energy Commission
Media & Public Communications Office
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814

800-555-7794

[Renewable Energy Consumer Education Program: California Energy Commission](#)

The objective of this program is to help build a viable customer-driven market for renewable power through consumer education. The Energy Call Center is available to answer consumers’ questions about renewables.

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renewable@energy.state.ca.us

[Self-Generation Program: California Public Utilities Commission](#)

The Self-Generation Incentive Program is designed to encourage customers of PG&E, SDG&E, Southern California Edison, and Southern California Gas to install “self-generation” unites to lessen the electricity load on the grid through distributed power generation. Qualifying systems include photovoltaics, wind turbines, fuel cells, microturbines, small gas turbines, and internal combustion engines.

[Energy-Water Connection: California Energy Commission](#)

The Energy-Water Connection is dedicated to providing resources to help water professionals control costs. The web site is designed to easily and quickly find information on proven methods and technologies that can help eliminate unnecessary waste of energy and money.

California Energy Commission
Energy Efficiency Division
Process Energy Unit
1516 Ninth Street, MS-42
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

[DSIRE: Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency](#)

Additional incentives available at the local, state, and federal level are house at the DSIRE.

[Rebuild America: Department of Energy, Energy Renewables Program](#)

A voluntary program that helps community partnerships make profitable investments in existing buildings through energy-efficient technologies. Provides communities with a national network of business and technology experts.

800-273-2957

US Department of EnergyEnergy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
1000 Independent Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0121

[Energy Star Tax Incentives](#)

The Energy Star program offers tax incentives for energy-saving home improvements, including insulation, windows and doors, roofing, HVAC, water heaters, biomass stove, geo-thermal heat pump, solar energy systems, small wind energy systems, fuel cells, and cars.